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DATE 13 Jan 1987

FROM: JCS WASH DC

TO : USCINCEUR PARIS FRANCE

INFO: CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY, CGUSCOB BERLIN  
GERMANY

NR : JCS 976032

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From JCS, J-2 Joint Staff sends.

1. Following provided for your information re:  
Coordination of Berlin Intelligence Activities.

2. By memorandum to Chairman, JCS, Under SecState,  
Pol, Affairs requested concurrence in proposed msg to  
U.S. Ambassador, Bonn. Proposed State msg stated:

"There is general agreement among JCS, CIA, and  
the Department that the USCOB Plan calling for the establish-  
ment of an ICCB is the best solution which has been offered  
to the problem of coordinating intelligence activities in  
Berlin, and further that it would be appropriate to appoint  
Mr. David Murphy Chairman of the ICCB.

Accordingly you may, in your discretion care to  
instruct USCOB to appoint Mr. Murphy Chairman of the ICCB  
and to proceed with the prompt implementation of the  
USCOB Plan of October 20, 1959."

3. In reply to Under SecState memo, Chairman, JCS  
stated:

"1. In my opinion, this is a matter to be  
resolved by mutual agreement between Ambassador Dowling  
and the US Commander, Berlin (USCOB). In their consider-  
ation of this matter on several recent occasions, the  
attitude of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has in no sense  
been one of opposing the DCI's representative in Berlin  
per se. The principle involved here is simply one of

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whether or not any Washington echelon should dictate such details to a field element several layers removed concerning the composition of a committee which is designed to assist the USCOB in his coordinating responsibility. The ultimate responsibility is that of the USCOB and the Ambassador, and any directives that specify the means to be employed will dilute their authority under NSCID No. 2 and will result in the assumption of this responsibility, in part, by the directing agency.

2. Accordingly, I do not concur in the proposed State Department telegram to Ambassador Dowling attached to your memorandum of 15 April, 1960."

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